

**MINUTES OF THE  
TRANSPORTATION, ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY & NATIONAL GUARD  
APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE  
Room W010, West Office Building, State Capitol Complex  
Tuesday, February 2, 2006**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Sen. Scott Jenkins, Co-Chair  
Rep. David Ure, Co-Chair  
Sen. Fred Fife  
Sen. Michael Waddoups  
Rep. David N. Cox  
Rep. Glenn A. Donnelson  
Rep. Neil A. Hansen  
Rep. Ann W. Hardy  
Rep. Neal B. Hendrickson  
Rep. Todd E. Kiser  
Rep. Joseph G. Murray

**STAFF PRESENT:** Mark C. Bleazard, Fiscal Analyst  
Rosemary Young, Committee Secretary

**Note:** A list of visitors and copy of handouts are filed with committee minutes.

Rep. Ure called the meeting to order at 2:22 p.m.

**MOTION:** Rep. Hardy moved to approve the minutes of the January 30, 2006 meeting. The motion passed unanimously with Sen. Waddoups absent for the vote.

**Department of Transportation**

John Njord, Executive Director of the Department of Transportation, accompanied by Chuck Larsen, Comptroller, discussed a handout covering FY 2005 Efficiencies and Accomplishments. A second handout detailed status and funding of Centennial Highway Fund Projects. There was discussion of the legal status of the 114th South interchange and of "choke points" which are identified as areas where a relatively small amount of money can make a significant difference in traffic flow. Carlos Braceras, Deputy Director, reported that the motion to lift the injunction on the Legacy parkway was ruled to have been brought to the wrong court and will have to be filed in the Denver Circuit Court next week

**MOTION:** Rep. Donnelson moved to increase the appropriation for the Centennial Highway Fund from \$86,840,000 to 137,840,000 in the 2006 General Session budget. The motion passed unanimously.

**MOTION:** Sen. Jenkins moved to recommend that \$200,000,000 new on-going money be appropriated for Transportation to be applied where needed. The motion passed unanimously.

**MOTION:** Sen. Jenkins moved to add to the priority list \$80,000,000 one-time money for remedying identified choke points and \$20,000,000 one-time money for corridor preservation. The motion passed unanimously.

**MOTION:** Rep. Cox moved to add to the priority list \$140,000 from the General Fund for operating expenses for Mountainland Association of Governments Metropolitan Planning Organization for Transportation Planning. The motion passed unanimously.

There was discussion of a handout showing the funds that have been allocated to universities in Utah for engineering research. Kevin Womack encouraged the investment in research.

**MOTION:** Sen. Fife moved to include \$1,000,000 one time money for the USU Transportation Center Programs Office on the priority list. The motion passed with Sen. Waddoups voting in opposition and Rep. Cox absent for the vote.

**MOTION:** Sen. Jenkins moved to place the \$100,000,000 for "choke points" and corridor preservation at the top of the priority list for FY06. The motion passed with Rep. Hendrickson, Rep. Kiser, and Rep. Ure voting in opposition and Rep. Cox absent for the vote.

**MOTION:** Sen. Jenkins moved to place the \$200,000,000 of on going money for construction at the top of the priority list. The motion passed unanimously.

**MOTION:** Sen Waddoups moved that the ten items to be prioritized be placed on a ballot, and the committee members will indicate their priorities. The motion passed unanimously.

Dianne R. Nielson encouraged the committee's support of High Level Nuclear Waste and the Animal Feeding Operations Air Quality Study.

**MOTION:** Sen. Jenkins moved to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously.

Rep. Ure adjourned the meeting at 4:03 p.m.

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Rep. David Ure, Co-Chair

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Sen. Scott Jenkins, Co-Chair

